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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1900.

A Shocking Tragedy.

A tragedy that shocked the entire state and cast into the shadow all of the sensational proceedings of the legislature and contest cases, occurred at Frankfort Tuesday. A battle between Ethelbert Scott, of Somerset, and former Congressman David G. Colson, of Middleboro, in the lobby of the Capital Hotel, resulted in the death of Scott and two bystanders and the wounding of Colson and three others. Scott was struck by seven bullets from Colson's two pistols. Charles Julian, of Frankfort, and Luther W. Demaree, of Shelbyville, were killed by wild bullets. Colson was wounded in the arm, and other shots struck Harry McEwan, of Louisville, and Capt. Ben Golden, of Harboursville. C. D. Rodpath, of Chicago, was accidentally knocked down, and his right leg broken. The lobby was crowded when the firing began, and it is remarkable that more men were not hit. The quarrel had no connection with politics, but originated with Colson and Scott who at Anneton, Ark., during the Spanish-American war, as officers of the Fourth Kentucky regiment encamped at that place. The quarrel caused a shooting scrape before the two men left Anneton, and Colson is partially paralyzed in consequence, it is said, of a wound received at that time.

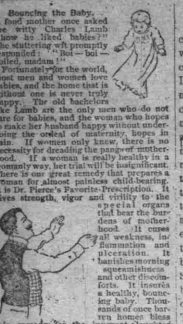
This contest board composed of commissioners from each house of the Kentucky legislature is in session at Frankfort trying the cases for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. All of the charges of fraud, intimidation and so forth are being gone over and a great many witnesses are being examined. Great interest is being taken in the proceedings and the papers say that there is much "suppressed excitement."

Mr. L. B. Samuels announces in the last issue of the Nelson Record that he has purchased the interest of Mr. H. Bacon in the Record Printing Co. Mr. Bacon has been editor of the Record and part owner in the property for many years and is a good newspaper man. Mr. Samuels has been connected with the Record for some time as business manager.

Washington Letter.

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